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SUBJ: GOU CANCELLATION OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID

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1. REGARDING MILITARY AID, IT IS OUR ASSUMPTION, WITHOUT YET ASKING GOU, THAT AT LEAST AFTER THE DUST SETTLES, IT MIGHT WELL WISH TO MAKE USE OF CASH FMS PURCHASES AND, AS WELL, TO DRAW DOWN OUTSTANDING BALANCES OF FMS CREDIT. THE KEY QUESTION, IT SEEMS TO US, IS WHETHER THE US, GIVEN THE SPIRIT MOTIVATING TESTIMONY MADE TO CONGRESS LAST WEEK AND IN LIGHT OF THE KOCH AMENDMENT, WOULD APPROVE PURCHASES AND/OR EXPORT LICENSES UNDER EITHER OF THESE CATEGORIES. WE RECALL THAT IN THE F-86 CASE THE DEPARTMENT MADE WHAT WE CONSIDERED TO BE A MOST DUBIOUS LEGAL CONNECTION TO KOCH (STATE 015032) AND THAT A CASH PURCHASE OF POLICE PISTOLS IS STILL, AFTER MONTHS, AWAITING EXPORT LICENSE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE IN THIS REGARD BEFORE ASKING GOU INTENTIONS, TO ASK, WE FEAR, WOULD LIKELY STIMULATE THIS KIND OF QUESTION WHICH WE COULD NOT ANSWER OR STIMULATE UNFOUNDED BELIEF THAT PURCHASE REQUESTS WOULD BE APPROVED. PLEASE ADVISE.

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2. WE DOUBT THAT THE GOU INTENDS TO CANCEL PURCHASES UNDER FMS WHICH ARE ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE AS TECHNICALLY, AT LEAST, SUCH ARE NOT "UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME PENDING DECISION"; MORESO IF THERE WOULD BE TERMINATION COSTS FOR THEM TO BEAR.

3. WE SHARE THE ASSUMPTION OF REFTTEL THAT THE GOU DOES NOT INTEND

TO CANCEL ALREADY AUTHORIZED AID LOAN AND GRANT PROJECTS AND SPECIFICALLY THE FY-77 APPROVED GRANT PROGRAM. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT ECONOMIC AID WAS MENTIONED IN THE GOU NOTE IN RESPONSE TO THE ERRONEOUS REPORTING THAT THE US HAD ANNOUNCED A CUTBACK IN ECONOMIC AID, AN ERROR WHICH HAS NOW BEEN RECTIFIED. IN ANY CASE, WE CANNOT KNOW FOR SURE WITHOUT ASKING AND I WILL ASK TO SEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THIS PURPOSE SOONEST.

4. REGARDING OTHER PROGRAM ELEMENTS DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR TRYING TO EVALUATE WHETHER GOU WOULD OBJECT OR NOT (ALTHOUGH WE THINK THEY WOULD NOT) WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN APPLYING IN THIS REGARD TO OTHER PHASING-OUT COUNTRIES. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. WE STRONGLY URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE \$25,000.00 SDA REQUEST FOR FY-78. THIS, OF COURSE, HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY GOU REQUESTS AND IS A PROGRAM CARRIED OUT HERE ENTIRELY BY THE US GOVERNMENT TO SERVE OUR PURPOSES OF CONTACT AND SUPPORT FOR THE MOST NEEDY. WE DO NOT THINK THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BECOME A VICTIM OF THIS EMBROGLIO AS TO CUT THESE FUNDS WOULD BE TO DAMAGE OUR INTERESTS IN MAINTAINING THIS KIND OF BENEVOLENT ACTIVITY AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE HUMBLE BENEFICIARIES.
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